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SUBJECT: OKINAWA EX GRATIA CLAIMS

REF: (A) NAHA 546 (B) TOKYO 14690

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS REGARDING PAYMENT OF EX GRATIA CLAIMS UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF OKINAWA REVERSION AGREEMENT. ANSWERS ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS POSED IN NAHA 546.

A. AGREEMENT DOES NOT STATE IN WHAT CURRENCY COMPENSATION SHOULD BE PAID BUT, SINCE FUNDS IN TRUST FUND ARE IN DOLLARS, WE WOULD EXPECT PAYMENT ALSO TO BE IN DOLLARS.

B. WE BELIEVE THAT CLAIMANTS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE INFORMED OF AMOUNTS TO BE PAID BEFORE FORWARDING CLAIMS PACKAGE TO CONGEN AND CERTIFICATION OF PAYMENT MADE BY DEPARTMENT TO TREASURY.

C. ENTIRE DISBURSEMENT SHOULD BE MADE AFTER VALIDATED PROGRAM IS COMPLETED WITHOUT ADVANCED INCREMENTS.

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D. PAYMENTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO CLAIMS ARISING FROM

SUBSEQUENT USE, NOT TO COMBAT ACTIVITIES.

E. APPLYING CURRENT COST-OF-LIVING INDEX TO COMPUTATION OF CLAIMS WOULD UNFORTUNATELY CREATE PRECEDENT WHICH COULD HAVE UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS IN OTHER, ENTIRELY UN-RELATED INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS CASES. THEREFORE COMPUTATION SHOULD BE BASED ON MAY 1972 (REVERSION) CPI.

2. REPLIES TO REMAINING QUESTIONS IN MCELROY LETTER ARE BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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